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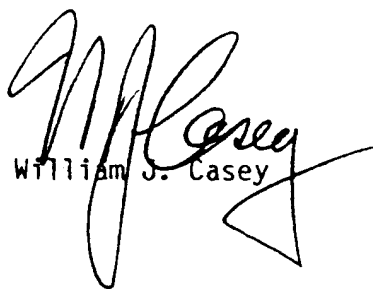
The Honorable James C. Miller, III
Director, Office of Management and Budget
Washington, D.C. 20503

Dear Jim:

The directive by the Defense Authorization Committees for the Department of Defense and related agencies to submit a biennial budget for fiscal years 1988 and 1989 (P.L. 99-145) could serve to simplify the current lengthy and time-consuming budget process and deserves strong support. Unfortunately, the apparent unwillingness of the Appropriations Committees to consider a two-year budget cycle severely limits the value of this action and, unless there is full Congressional agreement, we will be unable to combine the two fiscal year budgets for major elements of the National Foreign Intelligence Program funded within Defense. (U)

The advantages offered by biennial budgeting are such that the administration should establish the adoption of a two-year Defense budget cycle as a major goal and use its influence to get concurrence by the Appropriations Committees. I believe the issue is sufficiently important to warrant a major effort by the administration, and would appreciate your support in developing the appropriate strategy for dealing with Congress. Please let me know how we can assist in resolving this problem. (U)

Sincerely,


William J. Casey

cc: Secretary of Defense